

What it is:

- 8 buildings on 4.06 hectares (10 acres)
- 7111 square-meter main embassy building
- State-of-the-art in energy efficiency
- Home to 178 employees, including 142 Burundians
- Designed by Einhorn Yaffee Prescott
- Constructed by Caddell Construction of Montgomery, Alabama; managed by Office of Buildings Oversees (OBO)

What it took:

- 2 years of planning and design;
- 30 months of construction
- \$133 million investment including contracted and internal costs
- Approximately 600 Burundian jobs/workers, in excess of 3 million manhours worked
- Millions of dollars infused into the local economy through jobs and purchase of local goods

Marks of distinction:

- Silver-certified Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®)
- A modern Information Resource Library (IRC), featuring easy internet access and a collection of over 2500 books, film and magazines
- Multipurpose room for speakers, film showings and training
- Modern consular section with comfortable waiting areas
- Local fieldstone on portions of the compound perimeter wall and several buildings
- An art collection of works by Burundian and American artists
- A swimming pool, a basketball court, fitness center, health center and cafeteria

A Green Building

- Designed to use less energy and water than standard office buildings
- 960 solar panels
- Landscaped to promote water conservation by capturing rainfall, recycling treated waste water and drip irrigation.
- Energy efficient mechanical systems to minimize energy consumption
- Cooling systems free of Chlorofluorocarbons (CFC) refrigerants
- Occupancy sensors that automatically turn off lights
- Specially treated glazed windows that admit daylight without increasing heat.